

play of "The First Duchess of Marlably puzzled, and perhaps disappointed. he still made the character one of alded as a star that people had built | the gifted and virile duchess, his wife. up in their minds the idea of some imperious genius after the fashion of the part of Harley, and Miss O'Brien Modjeska or Nance O'Neill, and when was thoroughly good as Abigail. they beholld a lady somewhat past the bloom of youth, very quiet in her manner of speech, somewhat erratic in her of the sort which enchains the interdelivery, gorgeously gowned, and with est of an audience, without calling for more of character and determination in any great outburst of applause. There her face than actual beauty-they were is a suggestion of "Diplomacy" in the

During the first half hour that the | that he had in Lefebvre in "Madame Sans Gene," and while he is perhaps borough" was unfolding at the Theater | forced to hold himself in check in orlast night, the audience was consider- der not to draw attention from the star, Mrs. LeMoyne had been so widely her- force, and a fit companion picture to

Mr. Paulding was also admirable in The play was beautifully staged, and gowned and is full of quiet interest

mains a question. Mr. Stephens' first choice will be to hand the management of the San Fran-······ isco events over to some of the theatrical managers who are regularly in the business, but if this cannot be done,

> were given before, Nordica, Maconda ad other singers who cannot obtain dates in the regular theaters will give their concerts in this hall during the

this morning.

week with a Wednesday matinee.

the Grand will present another "thril-ler in "The Daughter of the Diamond

ter of an African diamond king. A quintette of female sin ers will be in-

for the meals of the singers and excur-sionists at the same hotels. Whether

Los Angeles will be visited or not re-

he will doubtless book the Metropolitan music hall, where the choir's concerts

by LaBelle Laurette.

Blanche Walsh is touring through the South in "Janice Meredith.

THEATER GOSSIP.

Manager Pyper will have the election returns read between the acts of "Shore Acres" at the Theater on Tues-

Henry Miller has gravitated back to Frohman's management, and they two will present "D'Arcy of the Guards" in New York at the Fifth Avenue Mon-

The leading lady in "Sporting Life," the English melodrama which comes to the theater next Thursday, is Miss Lamson, a sister of the well known star, I an I O'Neill.

Mary Mannering closed her engage-ment in "Janice Meredith" at the Colonial theater in Boston, Saturday, Oct 19th. She is now touring through New England. She will visit Buffalo. where she made her debut as a star last season, Nov. 21st. From Pittsburg, there Saturday evening, Nov. 16th.

WILLIAM (BIG BILL) DE VERE,

In "A Common Sinner."

The first production of the new play "A Gentleman of France," in which Kyrle Bellew will star, occurred last Wednesday night in Ottawa, Canada.

The leading woman is Eleanor Robson, daughter of Madge Carr Cook, and the

be designed by Madge Carr Cook, and the second lady's part is performed by Ada Dwyer Russell. The production has excited great interest everywhere in the profession, and the verdict on the opening performance is anxiously awaited.

The Theater will be opened every night next week, commencing Mon-

day with a Democratic meeting, Tues-day and Wednesday shore Acres,"



EUGENTE BLAIR.

Who will enact "Peg Woffington," and "Camille" at the Theater on Friday and Saturday next.

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"Sporting Life" on Thursday, and the well-known actress Eugenie Blair on Friday and Saturday. Miss Blair is the actress who was to have rendered "A Lady of Ouality" here last season, but whose arrival was prevented by a railroad accident. It will be remembered that the advance sale was one of the largest in the history of the house and the regret was quite general when it was known that she could not appear.

Klaw & Erlanger's production of Gen. Lew Wallace's "Ben-Hur" will re-main atthe Illinois theater in Chicago, but three more weeks, closing its run

fortune. A few years ago he actually had the rooms in a Chicago hotel re-papered to gratify Emma Eames, who protested against shrimp pink as conducive to a feeling of melancholy, ser-iously affecting her singing, and demanded celestial blue, urging that it stimulated her voice and gave wings to inspiration. It is also recorded that he once permitted an audlence-in Philadelphia it was-to be kept waiting for over an hour while stage carpenters were constructing an impromptu dress ing-room, because a certain fastilious soprano declined to put on her costume in the room allotted to her. A dozen of similar tales might be told.

One by one the time-honored rules and customs which have governed the Comedie Francaise in Paris since the formulation of the famous edict by formulation of the famous edict by Napoleon are being amended or abrogated. The most recent—and most radical—is the abolition of the Reading Committee, consisting of six societaries, who formed a jury with the power to accept or refuse all works submitted to it by authors. The "Cherubim" incident and the recent row with the author of "Le Roi" caused the observed Mercenter the adcaused the change. Hereafter the administrator-general, a government official, will be responsible for the selec-

tion of plays.

Another change which is worrying the players of the Comedie Francaise is the withdrawal of the free laundry privilege. For nearly a century the actors of the company have been alowed to send their soiled linen to the theater laundry, which returns it, washed, ironed and mended, free of charge. Hereafter the aristocracy of French mummers will have to pay their own laundry bills.

MUSIC NOTES.

A hurried line from Prof. McClellan in New York says that he is being chaperoned by Col. N. W. Clayton and W. C. Spence. They were "doing the town" thoroughly and on the night his letter was written they were to see Sir Henry Irving and Ellen Terry

The Grau season in San Francisco begins a week from Monday night. The offerings are calculated to take away one's breath, including as they do "Lohengrin," with Emma Eames and Edouard De Reszke; "Carmen." with Calve; "Traviata," with Sembrich, and Manon," with Sibyl Sanderson.

Luigi Mancinelli is now at his villa at Melna, on Lake Maggiore, at work on "Paolo and Francesca," which he hopes to have ready for performance by next season. He has been engaged as conductor of the three months' sea-son at Lisbon, where his "Ero e Leandro" is to be revived during the winter. He will return to this country

Ignace Paderewski is to remain in this country only about three months and will give his recitals only in the East. According to the terms of his contract with Mr. Grau ten performances of "Manru" must be given during the season, although they need not all be given here. This is twice as many as were ever guaranteed to any other composer of a new opera.

The Salt Lake Opera company will lose one of its brightest members with-in the next three weeks. Miss Aice Kidwell, who was one of the four dancing girls in "The Wedding Day," and who has been with the company in all its recent productions, leaves for Topeka, Kansus, where she will become the bride of Mr. Joseph Augustus. Mr. Augustus has charge of the physical branch of the Y. M. C. A. in that city, a position similar to that which he held here last winter. The best wishes of host of friends will accompany Miss Kidwell to her new home.

When Handel was a young man he applied for a place as successor of a famous organist. But when he heard that the new organist must marry his predecessor's daughter the rude low the remained a bachelor all his life) took to his heels and fled precipit-ately. Today women are no longer thrown in with an organship, but take it themselves. At any rate, Fraulein Holler, the gifted daughter of the late organist of the Wurzburg cathedral, has been appointed in his place by the unanimous vote of the chapter. The time is apparently approaching when the performance of music will be mopopolized by women. ······



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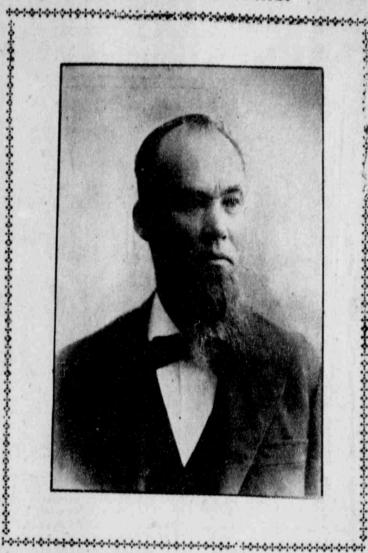
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FRANCIS ARMSTRONG.

It hardly seems possible that it is more than two years since the actr career of Frank Armstrong was cut short by the grim destroyer. It was tw years, however, on the 15th of June last, since he passed away, Mr. Armstrong busy career as one of the leading forces in the community in business and politics, is still so well remembered that it hardly needs recalling. At the time of his death he was chairman of the board of county commissioners of this county, president of the Utah Commercial and Savings bank, president of the Western Loan & Trust company, of the Utah Power company, of the Blackfoot Stock company, vice president of the Taylor-Armstrong company, and a director and one of the chief owners of the Salt Lake City Railroad company. He died one of the wealthiest men of the community,

Mr. Armstrong was born at Plainmiller, Northumberland, England, Oct. 3rd, 1839, his parents being William Armstrong and Mary Kirk. In 1857 his father's family came to Canada and settled near Hamilton. At the age of 19 young Francis made his way to Richmond, Mo., where he remained at work in a saw-mill till the spring of 1861, when he started for Utah. During his residence at Richmond he formed a familiar acquaintance with David Whitmer, one of the witnesses of the Book of Mormon. On his arrival in Utah, Mr. Armstrong began to haul wood from Mill Creek canyon; later he worked in President Young's flour mill; in 1862 he started in the lumber business for Mayor Little. This was the beginning of his fortune, and several years afterwards he bought his employer out and in the course of time made a large amount of money in the lumber and saw-mill business. He died June 15, 1899.

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JAMES A. HERNE.

This is a picture of the famous author of "Shore Acres" and

"Sag Harbor," now departed, as he looked at the time of his last

visit here. The longest lived of all his plays, "Shore Acres," is to be

at first non-plussed. But as the play | episode where the presence of Abigail

developed and the rather talky stretch is detected by the scent of lavender

at the opening was passed, her mag- she leaves behind, but on the whole, the

netism, with which she is marvelously author is to be congratulated on havendowed, grew upon her audience until | ing contributed a clever and fascinat-

Barker. Mr. Russell, who had a handsome reception on his entrance, gave
the character of the famous duke with
quiet and intense feeling; while the
part does not give him the opportunity

ANNA HELD IN "LITTLE DUCHESS."

ing story to the literature of our stage.

Everyone who remembers dear old

Herne in "Shore Acres" will be glad to learn that that beautiful play is to

visit us again next week; though its author has passed to the great beyond,

that its revisit cannot fail to awaken

warmest interest. It is full

aughter and tears combined, and vet

contains a merry strain of comedy that

lightens its deeper shadows. Mr. Herne's place in the company will be

filled by one of his old understudies, James T. Galloway. There will be a quartet of little children, and we can

The engagement closes tonight.

done at the Theater Tuesday evening next.

she had it almost fascinated, and be-

fore the close, in spite of a certain

hardness in her voice which is not al-

ways agreeable, she was voted what

she undoubtedly is, an admirable artist

with a thorough knowledge of the smallest detail of her art. She was

given several hearty curtain calls after

the climaxes which the author has

worked up for the Duchess at the ex-

pease of the queen, and other histor-

ical personages in the play. Anne,

though eclipsed by the genius of the

duchess, was very well played by Miss

Barker. Mr. Russell, who had a hand-

Here is Miss Anna Held as she appears in her new play, "The Little scheen," This is one of her most grace ful poses.

Sir Henry Irving and Miss

Ellen Terry are now making a of the leading American The reception afforded them by the public wherever they play is almost in the form of an ovation.





Manager Grau's troubles have begun. says a New York paper, Calve is pouting and has refused to stag. Mr.

Grau has meekly submitted to her tantrums and has paid a big forfeit to the guarantors of his Nashville season. This confirms the truth of the com-

ments on his inexplicable submission to the caprices of these spoiled children of

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